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IN THE DRAWING

Please add new FIG 6 as shown in the enclosed New Sheet of drawings.

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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

By means of the present amendment, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with the enclosed New Abstract which better conforms to U.S. practice.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings for not showing every feature of the invention recited in claims 1 and 6-7. In response, new FIG 6 has been added that shows the features recited in claims 1 and 6-7. Further, the specification has been amended for conformance with the new FIG 6. New drawing sheet including FIG 6 is enclosed. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the drawings objection and approval of the enclosed new FIG 6.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 6-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for allegedly not being clearly determinable whether they are directed to a method or apparatus claim and for another informality. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to advance prosecution and expedite allowance, claims 1-7 have been amended

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for better clarity. Further, claims 1 and 6-7 have been amended to delete or amend features believed to be not necessary for patentability. Claims 1-7 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6-7 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 6-7 would be allowable if the rejections thereto are overcome. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 1 and 6-7 contain allowable subject matter. As noted above, the rejections to claims 1 and 6-7 have been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6-7, as well as new independent claim 16 (which includes substantially similar features

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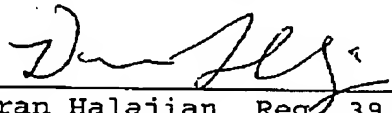
to that of claims 1 and 6-7) are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5, 8-15 and 17-20 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claims 1, 6-7 and 16.

It is believed that no additional fees or charges are currently due beyond the fee for one additional independent claim to be charged to the credit card as noted by the enclosed authorization. However, in the event that any additional fees or charges are required for entrance of the accompanying amendment, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 50-3649. In addition, please credit any overpayments related to any fees paid in connection with the accompanying amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3649.

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In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: New Abstract
New Sheet of drawings including new FIG 6
Authorization to charge credit card \$200 for one
independent claims in excess of three (i.e., four
total independent claims)

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